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MODEL Star Tracker



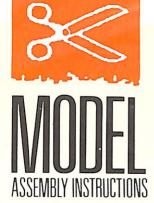
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- Water rocket
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- Spinning Earth experiment

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STAR TRACKER

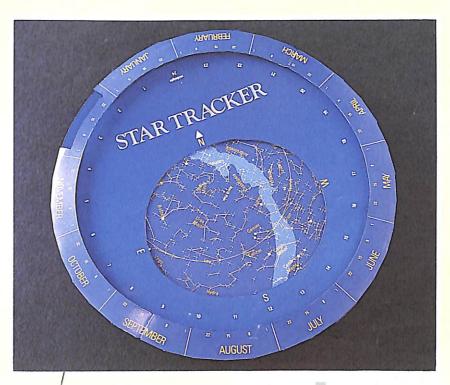
You will need

Scissors . Junior craft knife . Glue

Before cutting out the pieces, score along broken lines with a blunt edge to make folding and gluing easier.

To make up

- 1 Cut out base A.
- 2 Cut out inner circle B and use a craft knife to cut out the window.
- 3 Cut out outer rims C and D. Glue tabs at the end of outer rim C to the ends of outer rim D to form a circle. Fold all tabs under.
- 4 Place outer rim circle face down and fit the inner circle B also face down under folded tabs. Press tabs firmly down over inner circle.
- 5 Apply glue to tabs taking great care to keep the inner circle completely free of glue.
- 6 Take base A and, aligning the slots, press firmly in position over the top of the glued tabs.
- 7 Directions for using the Star Tracker are given on the back of the model.



CONSTELLATIONS

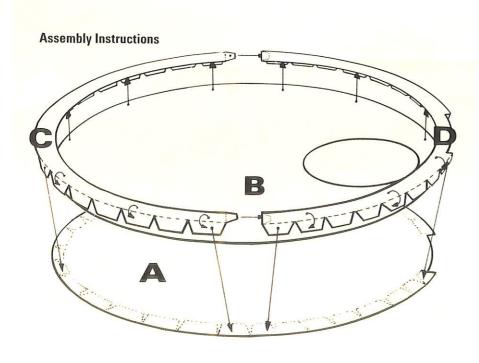
LATIN

Andromeda Aquarius Aquila Aries Auriga **Boötes** Cancer Canis Major Canis Minor Capricornus Cassiopeia Cepheus Cetus Cygnus Eridanus Gemini Hercules Hydra Leo Libra Lyra Ophiuchus Orion **Pegasus** Perseus **Pisces Pisces Austrinus** Sagittarius Scorpius Taurus **Ursa Major** Ursa Minor

Virgo

ENGLISH

The Chained Maiden The Water Carrier The Eagle The Ram The Charioteer The Bear-Driver The Crab The Great Dog The Lesser Dog The Goat Cassiopeia Cepheus The Sea Monster The Swan The River The Twins Hercules The Water Snake The Lion The Scales The Lyre The Snake-holder The Great Hunter The Winged Horse Perseus The Fishes The Southern Fish The Archer The Scorpion The Bull The Great Bear The Lesser Bear The Maiden

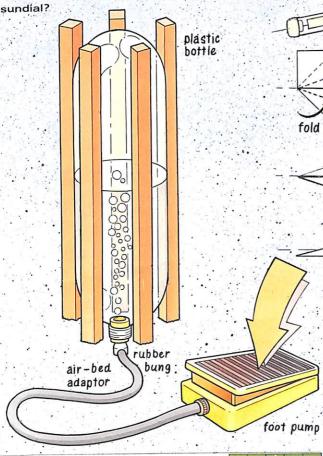




• Will a rocket go further if you, load it with more fuel?

How can you make a model space shuttle glide to the ground?
 What is the principle of the

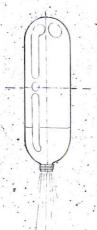
What is the principle of the sundial?



Follow the instructions carefully and carry out under adult supervision.

WATER ROCKET

Get an empty 11/2 or 2 litre plastic drinks bottle; remove any thick, protective base. Half fill the bottle with water and insert a tight-fitting cork with a hole bored through it. Connect a foot pump to the cork using an adaptor designed for inflating air beds. Go out-doors to a launch site well away from any obsta-cles or people. Push five sharpened sticks, just taller than the bottle, into the ground in a circle to support the bottle. Place the bottle upside-down in the circle; ensure it is upright and well supported. Stand as far away as possible and pump in air until the pressure blows the bung and forces out the water to give lift-off. See how height varies with different water levels.



MODEL SHUTTLE LAUNCH

Launch a model space shuttle, using a blast of air to provide the thrust.

Experiment with its aerodynamic shape, so that it glides to the ground.

cardboard tube

seal end of tube with tape

paper

paper,

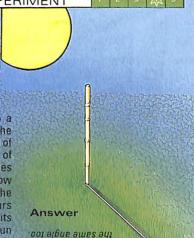
Wrap a sheet of A4 size paper around a cardboard tube, about 3 cm across – the sort that kitchen foil and paper towels are wrapped around. Fasten the edge with adhesive tape to form a paper tube that can slide freely over the cardboard.

Remove the paper tube, flatten one end, and seal it with adhesive tape. Fold another sheet of A4 paper to make a simple shuttle shape and tape it on to the paper tube, as shown. Insert the cardboard tube into the paper tube, and blow hard through the end to launch the shuttle. If necessary, adjust the wing shapes and angles so that it glides smoothly to the ground.

SPINNING EARTH EXPERIMENT

Shadows on the ground slowly move as the Sun passes across the sky. Try calculating where a shadow will fall in a few hours time.

On a clear, sunny day, push a bamboo cane upright into the ground and mark the position of its shadow with a piece of string. Use a peg or two stones to hold the string in place. Now try working out where the string will be in three hours time. Hint The Earth spins on its axis in 24 hours, so the Sun appears to move in a complete circle 360° in this time. To make a sundial, mark where the shadow will be on each hour.



PROJECT INFORMATION

in three hours, the Sun will move

Will move through

1 2 \$ 4 5

Each QUEST project has its own difficulty rating: 1 very simple, 2 simple, 3 intermediate, 4 advanced, 5 complicated.

WARNING

Parents should ensure that experiments involving sharp tools, water and electricity are supervised. The publisher can accept no responsibility for injury.

Commander

control panels for managing the Shuttle and the payload while in orbit

radiator panels, linked to the cooling system; dissipate the wat which builds up inside the craft

TV camera

Pilot cargo bay doors (two each side) kept en to allow the cooling system to operate

flight deck

nose cap made from reinforced carbon-carbon (RCC) which will withstand temperatures up to 1,650°C

protective cover
 for satellite payload

undercarriage nose wheel

vernier engines, part of the Reaction Control System (RCS), used for control of the Shuttle in space

RCS fuel tanks, comprising monomethyl hydrazine and nitrogen tetroxide

storage compartments for food and equipment

main hatch used to enter and exit the spacecraft

mid deck

toilet or Waste Management System

sleeping area for up to four crew members

RCS main thrusters, used while in space

airlock module which can be repositioned inside the crew compartment or the cargo bay, and can be linked to the Spacelab system

black tiles for heat resistance, can withstand up to 1,275°C

main undercarriage, used only for the final landing

leading edges of th with reinforced carbon to withstand 1,650°C

PROFILE

Overall length 37.19 metres

Span 23.79 metres

Overall height 17.27 metres

Unladen weight 68,040 kg

Launch weight 2 million kg

Thrust of main engines 2.1 million newtons (equivalent to the thrust of three Concordes)

Fuel main engines – liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen

while in space monomethyl hydrazine and nitrogen tetroxide

Speed in orbit 28,160 km/h on touchdown 335 km/h

Orbital height 1,100 km maximum

Cargo bay length 18 metres

Cargo bay diameter 4,5 metres

Crew up to eight

Mission length 7 days (average)

30 days (maximum)

Relative cost of mission \$700 per kg (average aircraft costs are \$26 per kg)

Shuttle missions: date of first launch

Enterprise Testing craft only Columbia 12 April 1981

Challenger* 4 April 1983

Discovery 30 August 1984 Atlantis 4 October 1985

*Challenger exploded in mid-flight on 28 January 1986

